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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: Kimberly R. Lockett      Art Unit: 2837  
Re:    Application of:      Mark DRONGE  
Serial No.:      10/620,235  
Filed:      July 15, 2003  
For:      Method for Coloring Strings and Strings  
         Colored Thereby  
Confirmation No.:      8521  
Customer Number:      22846

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 29, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2005 which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply expiring on May 4, 2005, applicant comments as follows:

Claims 1-6 and 8-17 are presently active in this application, claim 7 having been cancelled.

Claims 1-6 are allowed and claims 10, 11, 15 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 8, 9, 12-14 and 17 are rejected.

**FIRST CLASS MAIL CERTIFICATION**

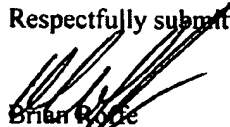
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Response dated Apr. 29, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of Feb. 4, 2005

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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